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**COOS COUNTY DAIRIES.**

**M**RS. S. A. YOAKAM, the Coos county lady inspector of dairies, has raised a tempest about her ears by a speech made at the state dairy convention recently held in Salem, in which she made some muck raking statements in reference to Coos county dairies. We have not seen a verbatim report of Mrs. Yoakam's remarks, but the published reports were such as to warrant the conclusion that they were rather broad in their allegations of remissness on the part of many Coos county dairies. It is understood that Mrs. Yoakam is desirous of obtaining a state law that will be more strict in its regulation of dairies and in her zeal and enthusiasm sought to make Coos county a "horrible example." This is regrettable from any point of view for the dairy industry is one of the important and growing resources of Coos county and should be nurtured and protected rather than assailed. If there are violators of the present laws and uncleanly dairies let them be proceeded against and punished according to law; let it be done properly. Let us wash our linen—or rather our dairies—at home. It is a great injustice to the many clean and sanitary dairies to make such broad and sweeping charges of neglect and filth which are very rare. In another column The Times prints a communication which presents some interesting facts in reference to this matter and the Coquille Herald also contributes the following to the discussion:

"Coos county has a lady inspector of dairies. She is unquestionably versed in the butter-making business as are few of her sex, and this fact, coupled with her energy and evident desire to develop the industry in both county and state, has earned for her recognition in the councils of the State Dairy Assembly. So much to the lady's credit, and of that much everyone, particularly in Coos county, is warrantably proud. "But there is one lamentable fault possessed by Mrs. Yoakam. She talks too much with respect to her position—has too much imagination, which she indulges very likely without weighing its injurious effects while it contributes happily to her crave for personal aggrandizement. "The Herald is much grieved that Mrs. Yoakam should have given expression to some of the utterances credited to her at the late Dairy Convention, and it feels that when a woman occupies a public position she must expect public criticism of her official acts, imparted with becoming courtesy. Such is likewise the opinion of some of our representative dairymen who called at this office Saturday to indignantly refute some of the allegations made by the inspector. "These allegations are denounced as ridiculous inventions—as being shamefully libelous upon the dairymen and their calling in Coos county. We may have, as does other butter sections, a few dairymen who could be cleaner in their habits and who merit some rebuke, but it is preposterous to advertise to the state that we have men in the business who are hogs in human form. Just where, we are constrained to ask, did Mrs. Yoakam find a separator that provided a welcome roost for the barnyard fowl, and where the milk cans were thrown about the corral for pigs to slumber in? Again, what person outside an insane asylum would deliberately remove his shoe and sock in the presence of a strange lady and proceed to clean his milk cans with the sock? Even if lacking the first principles of decency, would he not more likely use any old rag within reach of his fin-

ger tips rather than sacrifice a piece of his clothing? The idea is too absurd for the sane person to harbor for a moment.

"When Mrs. Yoakam tells these things, groundless as they are, to a great state gathering she fails to realize the injustice, the irreparable injury she is inflicting upon the very industry of her county that she is expected to defend and assist. As a matter of fact, leading dairymen say and know that we have just as cleanly conditions in the dairies and creameries of Coos county as they have anywhere; they know it because they have visited these dairies and creameries quite as often as has Mrs. Yoakam—perhaps oftener, and are familiar with the true state of affairs therein existing. Had any such conditions been found as set forth by the inspector in her talk, these same men would have exposed and prosecuted the cases in the interests of decency and the profession.

"The Herald in conclusion would say that if the newspapers have not misquoted Mrs. Yoakam respecting her utterances at the Salem Convention she should be asked to correct the damaging misstatements; if misquoted she should publish the fact to preserve the good name of one of Coos county's growing and important industries."

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

Mrs. Rood has presented the High School with a steel engraving of George Washington.

The High School will hold a try-out debate on Friday afternoon to select a team to debate in the league.

Miss Laura Escott is in charge of the First Grade 'B,' taking the place of Miss Sebolt who was married during the Christmas vacation to Mr. T. L. Wiggins of Hoxie, Kan. Post cards from Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins at various points in California have been received by Miss Lyons.

Miss Nina Haynes of Oklahoma substituted for Miss McCormac of the Second Grade on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Among the new pupils registered this week are:

First Grade 'A'—Joe Lapp, Mabel Sueddon, Stella Lash, Albert Johnson, Edgar Mauzey, all of Marshfield; Edward Dyer of Bay View.

Second Grade—Arthur Bergman of Portland, Jack Hamlon of Boise.

Third Grade 'B'—Olan Todden of Texas, Harry Bergman of Portland.

Fourth Grade—Ruth Dyer of Lincoln county.

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ALL those desiring to take lessons in French will please report at the Academy of Music not later than January 9, as the class will then be organized.

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**WITH THE TOAST AND TEA**

**GOOD EVENING.**

For an honest man, half his wits are enough; the whole is too little for a knave.—From the Italian.

**The Maze of Mathematics.**

I know very well that a couple is two, But how many things do we mean by a few? And what is the number we speak of as many, And not very much—is that really any?

I worry about it—this puzzle I've got— How few is a little, how many's a lot?

It's easy to guess all the way up to twenty,

But still one don't know just how many is plenty.

Another one, too, that one finds pretty rough

Is this: People say, "Just a few is enough."

I sharpen my pencil, I figure and whittle,

And try to subtract till I find what's a little.

It's awful to balk at each problem you touch,

But I cannot find the right sum for too much.

And while I'm aware that a couple is two,

How many is meant when we speak of a few?

They were telling, how well they could shoot and Judge Goss recalled a duck hunt in which he had brought down five birds with one shot.

"Talk about shootin'," began Russ Tower; "I saw Capt. Harris do a mighty neat piece of work one day last week. His wife was puttin' out the washin' and she was complainin' about the pesky birds makin' dirt marks on the damp clothes with their feet."

"They're thick as bees 'round here," says she. "There's seven of 'em sittin' on the clothes line this blessed minute."

"I'll fix 'em," says Cap. takin' down his shotgun, which he always keeps loaded with fine birdshot. He tiptoed to the door, took aim, and—

"Killed every one of them sparrows," broke in Goss.

"You're wrong," corrected Russ Tower, calmly; "he never teched 'em, but when his wife took in the washin' she found she had three pair of openwork stockings and a fine peek-a-boo shirtwaist."

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